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Dear Parents,

This week class six will be having the time of their lives at Beaumanor Hall and we hope they have a wonderful time, good weather and a safe journey back. I plan to call in and see them one day this week. We ask Y6 children before they leave primary school what were some of the things they enjoyed the most and 99% of the time the answer comes back as 'Beaumanor Hall'!

Residential like this teach children so many valuable life skills such as getting on with other, supporting your fellow team members and challenging yourself with activities outside of your 'comfort zone'. It helps children to make their own decisions, take responsibilities and become generally more self-confident and independent people. A week in the fresh air is also excellent and helps you to appreciate the beauty of the natural world.

I think the last point is a lesson we can't be reminded of too much ~ to spend more time outside, slow down a bit and open our eyes to the beauty of nature which people wiser than I have often described as the 'footprints of God'. If you ever watch a very young child going for a walk you'll see they stop and look at almost every tiny thing that 'bigger people' just walk on by. Be Still and know that I am God.

Finally, a special mention must go to the fantastic children and families who made it through the snow to Mass on the first Sunday of Lent to read and place symbols on the Lenten Cross. It really took some doing to get to church that morning so very well done. It would be nice to see as many children as possible at 9.30 Masses especially those preparing for the sacraments this year as this was one of the promises made at the enrolments.

Class Two Assembly : We were treated to an exceptional assembly by the talented children of class two last Friday morning. The children shared their powerpoint presentations they had put together at the CLC to get across their message of working together. They wrote their own prayers that were truly moving and inspiring and also composed their own song! We were also treated to beautiful music by the flautists in school and it was just the thing to lift one's spirits on such a gloomy, dark morning with sleet outside. Well done to Y2 and to Mrs Helliwell for bringing out the children's talents and a million thanks to all of you who came from home to support us.

Poem For the Week

**WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in
grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at
night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can
dance: No time to wait till her mouth
can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.**

{WH Davies}

